



California Department of Food and Agriculture

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Meetings Schedule

February 26, 2003—Regional Industry Update, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, 10 a.m.

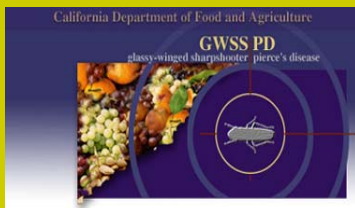
March 4, 2003 — Regional Industry Update, J Lohr Wine Center, Paso Robles, 10 a.m.

March 6, 2003—Regional Industry Update, Wine & Roses Hotel & Restaurant, Lodi, 10 a.m.

March 12, 2003—Regional Industry Update, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Tulare, 2 p.m.

March 20, 2003—Regional Industry Update, Callaway Coastal Winery & Vineyard, Temecula, 1 p.m.

For additional information on the items contained in this brochure or the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board, please call the Pierce's Disease Program at (916) 322-2804 or visit our website at www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/



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Adult glassy-winged sharpshooter
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PD/GWSS Board Update

Monterey Meeting

The PD/GWSS Board held a meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, in Monterey. The Board was joined by the PD Advisory Task Force for a tour and presentations on Monterey County Agriculture and the unique aspects of viticultural practices on the California's Central Coast. Stops included Robert Talbott Winery and Vineyards and Chalone Winery and Vineyards in Salinas and Soledad, CA. The Board would like to thank Steve McIntyre, Corky Roche and Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner Eric Lauritzen and his staff for their informative presentations and assistance with coordination of this meeting.

Research

In November 2002, the PD/GWSS Board issued a call for research project suggestions on Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The call was widely distributed. By the January 3, 2003, deadline, 91 different project suggestions were received. The projects were reviewed by the Research Screening Committee at a meeting held on January 31, 2003. Promising projects were identified and principal investigators contacted to provide complete proposals. A final list of projects recommended for potential funding will be submitted to the PD/GWSS Board for consideration at its Spring meeting. Additional information on the research project funding process is available at the Pierce's Disease Program website at <http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp> or by calling (916) 322-2804.

Budget Highlights

Significant budget items for FY 02-03 are as follows:

Revenue

FY 01-02 Carryover	\$6,002,300
FY 02-03 Estimated Assessment	<u>\$3,686,000</u>
Total	\$9,688,300

Budget

Administration	\$ 450,000
Research	\$6,021,752
Strategic Research Services	\$ 500,000
Applied Research	\$1,800,000
Public Outreach	\$ 200,000
Bulk Grape Program	<u>\$ 152,000</u>
Total	\$9,123,752

Estimated FY 03-04 Carryover	\$ 564,548
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Applied Research Subcommittee

The Applied Research Subcommittee held its first meeting in San Diego in December 2002 to set priorities. At a later meeting, the Subcommittee recommended 8 projects for consideration of funding by the PD/GWSS Board. Five of the projects were then recommended to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for funding and the remaining three are still under consideration. The five projects are: 1) Improvement of the Pierce's Disease Program's Biological Control Facilities in Bakersfield and Riverside-\$200,000; 2) Purchase of the Oswell Street Biological Control Facility-\$500,000; 3) Hiring of Field Treatment Coordinator in the Kern County Pilot

Project-\$68,400; 4) Treatment of Shipping Nurseries Within the Ventura Pilot Project Area-\$600,000; 5) Testing of Treatment Protocol on Nursery Stock Shipments-\$100,000. These projects were approved by the Secretary for a total of \$1,468,400.

National Academy of Sciences

The Committee on California Agricultural Research Priorities held its first meeting on February 16-18, 2003, in Irvine, California. The Committee was formed by the National Academy of Sciences to provide California with an ongoing independent resource for objective expert advice on current and emerging agricultural issues in California. The Committee's first task is to help solve the Pierce's disease problem in California by evaluating past and current research efforts and developing a research strategy that will lead to a solution. The Committee is comprised of 12 scientists from a variety of disciplines including entomology, plant pathology, resource economics, medicine, epidemiology, and others. At the recent meeting, the Committee toured the Temecula area and observed the damage caused by Pierce's disease to vineyards. It then received briefings from representatives of the grape, citrus, and almond industries and the University of California. Representatives from CDFA and USDA were also present and answered questions from the Committee. Following the briefings, the Committee met in closed session to discuss internal issues and formulate its plan for completing its charge.